

Nevada Indian Commission
Education Advisory Committee for Native American & Alaska Natives
May 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Main site: Western Nevada College, 2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV

Videoconference sites: Fallon, NV; Las Vegas, NV; Elko, NV; Reno, NV

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris Ann Gibbons, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Indian Commission; Chad Waucaush, College of Southern Nevada; Lynn Manning, Indian Education Coordinator, Washoe County School District and Chairperson, Indian Education Advisory Committee; Cheryl Nelson, Equity and Diversity Program, Clark County School District; Kari Emm, Transfer Recruitment Coordinator, University of Nevada, Reno; Patrick Naranjo, Assistant OMBUDS/Office Diversity Initiatives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Starla Serawop, Native Workforce Development, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada; Stacey Montooth, Indian Education Liaison, Churchill County School District; Gayleen Roy, Education Director, Yerington Paiute Tribe; Sue Chambers, Federal Programs, Churchill County School District

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Lynn Manning called the meeting to order at 9:42am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- II. Initial Public Comment
 - a. There were no public comments made at the meeting.
- III. For Possible Action: Approval of January 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes
 - a. The January 14, 2013 minutes were tabled to the next meeting.
- IV. For Possible Action: For Possible Action: Approval of April 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes
 - a. The April 15, 2013 minutes were tabled to the next meeting.
- V. Informational Presentation on *University of Nevada, Reno Co-Admissions Program* – Kari Emm, Transfer Recruitment Coordinator, Office of Prospective Students, University of Nevada, Reno
 - a. Kari Emm said the University of Nevada, Reno Co-Admissions program was approved by the Board of Regents in March and currently she is working on recruitment for the program.
 - b. The program is to assist students in achieving a Bachelors Degree by starting at a community college. To qualify for the program students must complete 30 credits in college math and English. Kari said she is finding that students are in remedial math and English but can still apply. If this occurs, their application will be put on hold until they complete the required courses.
 - c. Also, students need to secure an Associate's Degree within three years and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Students will not have to pay for transcripts and will have access to the UNR "My

Nevada” on-line system. Once a student is admitted into the University they will receive one on one advising on what classes to take.

- d. Currently, only 8 students are enrolled in the program and are all from Truckee Meadows Community College. Kari said she would like to involve all community colleges in Nevada and will send out additional information on the program to the Indian Education e-mail list.

VI. Committee Member Comments and Announcements

- a. Sherry announced Senate Bill SB23 to establish Nevada Tribes Day passed out of both houses and will now go to the joint floor and then to the Governor’s Office for final approval. Also, Sherry said the opening of the permanent American Indian culture exhibit at the Reno-Tahoe Airport was a success and both the Governor and his daughter attended. Lastly, the Stewart Father’s Day Powwow will be held June 14-16, 2013 at Stewart and for more information please visit www.Stewartindianschool.com.
- b. Kari Emm said she is the Vice-President of the UNR Native American Alumni Chapter and they hosted a graduation reception earlier in the month. This year the University had 76 American Indian graduates and 7 attended the reception.
- c. Lynn Manning announced the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference will be held June 24-27th in Reno at the Atlantis Casino.

VII. Indian Education Updates

- a. Lynn said Fredina Drye-Romero from the Nevada Department of Education was unable to attend the meeting but did provide an update for the Committee. The 2nd Annual Curriculum Writing Retreat will be held June 19-21, 2013, at the University of Nevada, Reno and the \$25 registration fee can be paid on-line. Also, in service credit is available for the Retreat and the cap is 40 people.
- b. Gayleen Roy from the Yerington Paiute Tribe reported their education banquet and awards ceremony will be held June 12th from 6-8pm at the tribal gym. Also, the tribe will host a six week summer program for 1st-8th graders and it will include hands on activities, language and field trips. Lastly, the elder’s language program will continue through the summer and the Wovoka Committee is hosting a hand game tournament in July for youth and adults.
- c. Cheryl Nelson from the Clark County School District reported this year they have 88 American Indians graduates and they are tracking students to evaluate the effectiveness of their program. Cheryl said out of the 88 graduates there were 44 standard diplomas, 8 advanced, 4 advanced honors and 22 millennium scholarships were awarded. Cheryl also announced which college’s students will be attending and awards received.
- d. Stacey Montooth from the Churchill County School District reported activities in the District include attending the Pyramid Lake Youth Conference, junior high tour of the high school and graduation. This year 14 American Indian students will graduate from high school and out of the 14 students 10 are either college bound or enlisting in the military. Also, Sherry Rupert from the Nevada Indian Commission presented to 7th grade students over two days on the history of the Stewart Indian School. Also, elders were invited to talk about the boarding school experience. Stacey said the students had

excellent questions and several are still talking about the presentation. Also, the presentation fit into the common core standards on what 7th graders are supposed to learn about American Indian history. Stacey asked those in attendance if anyone had any information on the possible discontinuation of high school proficiency exams. Lynn replied there is a push in the current legislative session for District implemented testing and Washoe County is in favor of the legislation.

- e. Lynn Manning from the Washoe County School District reported the after school programs have finished for the school year. This year the program had a homework and curriculum component and next year they will add an activity component. Also, the high school Paiute language classes held a Paiute Language Bowl at Pyramid Lake. There were seven rounds, winners received gold cups and four teams competed. Reed High School won by 30 points and all of the students were very receptive to the event. Lynn said she hoped to make the language bowl an annual event. Also, Lynn said she partnered with other diversity programs in the District for the Second Annual Senior Recognition Day which showcased the diverse cultures of the District. Lastly, Lynn said the District Indian Policies and Procedures were audited by the US Department of Education and it was a good learning experience. Lynn said her goal is to include more Tribal Leaders in District Matters.
- f. Patrick Naranjo introduced himself to the Committee. Patrick said he started on May 1st at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and works on diversity initiatives which includes working with Native American students and faculty.
- g. Chad Waucaush from the College of Southern Nevada reported this year the College has 52 Native American graduates and 10 will be in attendance at graduation. Chad told the Committee he teaches Native American studies and would like to see it become a degree program. Also, the campus Native American Student Organization received an award for their planning during Native American Heritage Month.
- h. Kari Emm from the University of Nevada, Reno reported graduation will be held over two days this year. Also, she is working with Sandra Mitrovich on awarding the Native American scholarships and they are still looking for candidates.
- d. Starla Serawop from the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada reported last month they partnered with Truckee Meadows Community College on the "Building Women Career Fair." The Fair is aimed at recruiting woman for non-traditional careers and was well attended. Also, they are planning for their summer youth employment program and will be hosting a youth conference in August.

VIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Sherry asked Committee members to forward her agenda items for the next meeting.

IX. For Possible Action: Scheduling and Location of Next Indian Education Advisory Committee Meeting

- a. The next meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2013.

X. Final Public Comments

- a. Sherry said the Nevada Indian Commission is hosting multiple schools this month at the historic Stewart Indian School.
- b. Lynn Manning announced the UNR Homecoming in October will be UNR versus UNLV.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Kari Emm motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gayleen Roy. Motion carried.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.